

BE ISSUED BY THE EDWARDS AFB PIO THIS P.M.: /

QUOTE AN EXPERIMENTAL MODEL OF THE SR-71 TYPE
AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION
IS MISSING AND PRESUMED DOWN IN A REMOTE AREA EAST OF
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. THE AIRCRAFT, UNREPORTED SINCE
1600 PST YESTERDAY, HAD SUFFICIENT FUEL TO REMAIN
ALOFT ONLY UNTIL 1730 PST 5 JANUARY 1967.

THE MISSING AIRCRAFT, BASED AT EDWARDS AFB,
CALIFORNIA, WAS ON A ROUTINE TEST PLIGHT MISSION, ONLY
THE TEST PILOT, A CIVILIAN, WAS ABOARD.

SEARCH PARTIES HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO COMB THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT.

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